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July 2025

News to Know

FY2025 Ridership Reporting

The first week of July, MoDOT sent out via email the FY2025 Ridership Reporting.

Annual Ridership (METHAP/Section 5310) – DUE Aug. 15 (email/forms sent out on July 7th)

Annual Ridership for Public Transportation – DUE Aug. 15 (email/forms sent out on July 7th)

FY2025 Annual Vehicle Inventory Reporting

On July 14, MoDOT sent out via email the FY2025 Annual Vehicle Inventory Reporting.

Annual Vehicle/Mileage Reporting (Section 5310/5311) – DUE Aug. 15

Annual Insurance Certification (Section 5310/5311) – DUE Aug. 15

Annual Agency Contact Update (Section 5310/5311) – DUE Aug. 15

Federal Fiscal Year-End Shutdown – Invoice/Reimbursement Request Deadline

The federal fiscal year 2025 will be shutting down around Oct. 1. All **federal** invoices and reimbursement requests submitted through MoDOT for payment must be submitted by Sept. 8 to ensure processing. After this date, payments will be on hold until the federal financial system becomes available in mid-October.

UPDATE: Vehicle Disposition Guidelines

To align with Circular 5010.1F, MoDOT has updated how insurance funding is processed on federally funded vehicles. The updated vehicle disposition guidelines can be found on the [MoDOT-Transit](#)

[website](#). Effective immediately, if the recipient receives insurance proceeds when federally assisted property has been lost or damaged by fire, casualty or natural disaster, the federal interest due to MoDOT is based on the Actual Cash Value (ACV) or Fair Market Value (FMV) with 80% of the ACV/FMV due to MoDOT. The ACV or FMV is assessed by the insurance company, or it may be determined by MoDOT Transit staff.

FTA Section 5310 Rural/Small Urban and 5311 Rural Applications

Currently, there is no federal funding application available for the Section 5310 and 5311 programs. When applications become available, a notice will be posted in this newsletter and on the [MoDOT-Transit website](#).

New Multimodal Partner Contact Map

New to the [MoDOT-Transit website](#) is a Multimodal Partner Contact Map. This map provides a listing of modal partners by county, along with their assigned area planning organization.

HOT Transit Topics

ADA Requirements for Websites and Mobile Apps

During the March MoDOT compliance workshops, we discussed the ADA requirements that apply to websites and other applications used in transportation services. The requirements can be found in **49 CFR§ 37.167(f)** which states, “The entity shall make available to individuals with disabilities adequate information concerning transportation services. This obligation includes making adequate communications capacity available, through accessible formats and technology, to enable users to obtain information and schedule service”.

As part of your oversight visits, Milligan reviews website content to determine compliance, and will continue to provide that feedback to your organization.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) set specific rules for web content accessibility to assist government agencies and transportation providers in meeting the requirements. The DOJ developed guidance to assist you in meeting the requirement, which can be found on the [Americans with Disabilities Act website](#).

The ADA requirements apply to all functions of each government, not just to passenger transportation-related activities. The guidelines include information on what needs to be accessible, along with exceptions for certain archived materials. Moving forward, all materials on the website are required to be accessible. In addition to your service-related documents, other requirements include minutes, agendas or policies that your jurisdiction posts on a website.

Transportation agencies (of ALL kinds) must make service information available to people with disabilities, including those with vision and hearing disabilities. Section 37.167(f) of the U.S. DOT regulations requires that transportation agencies provide adequate communications, through accessible formats and technology, to enable users to obtain information and schedule service. As discussed in the FTA ADA Circular, this broad requirement applies to ALL service modes, and means providing accessible information on schedules, routes, fares, service rules and temporary changes.

In terms of website accessibility requirements, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Section 5311 states sub-recipients are covered by the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as Section 504 of the 1973 Rehabilitation Act. FTA addresses website accessibility in [Section 2.8 of the ADA Circular](#).

The deadlines below are for State, Local and Special District Governments (SB40s would fall into this category). For all other providers, the expectation is that your websites should be compliant now.

FTA provided the following guidance in Circular 4710.1_1:

"Transit agency websites are a primary source of information for riders. Having a fully accessible website is one of the best ways to ensure the adequate information required under § 37.167(f) is available to all riders. Website accessibility also reduces the need for an agency to provide alternate formats on a case-by-case basis. While the DOT ADA regulations do not set standards for website accessibility, FTA suggests that agencies review DOJ guidance, [Accessibility of State and Local Government Websites to People with Disabilities](#) which also notes general related obligations under the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504). For technical guidance on making websites accessible, see the Access Board's Section 508 Standards for Electronic and Information Technology, which apply to the Federal government and address access to websites and other electronic information by people with physical, sensory, or cognitive disabilities. Other helpful information may be found in the [WCAG 2 Overview | Web Accessibility Initiative \(WAI\) | W3C](#)."

The deadline for complying with the rule depends on the population of your state or local government jurisdiction. After the deadline, your state or local government needs to make sure that it continues complying moving forward. Here are the compliance deadlines:

- **State or local governments with a population of 50,000 or more persons:**
 - Compliance deadline: April 24, 2026
- **State or local governments with a population of 0 to 49,999 persons:**
 - Compliance deadline: April 26, 2027
- **Special district governments:**
 - Compliance deadline: April 26, 2027

The DOJ recommends the following steps to bring your organization into compliance by the deadline:

1. Educate yourself about the rule's requirements.
2. Figure out when you need to fully comply with the rule.
3. Identify who within your state or local government will have a role in complying with the rule.
4. Train your staff.
5. Identify what web content and mobile apps your public entity has.
6. Refresh your understanding of the rule's exceptions.
7. Determine what web content and mobile apps need to comply with WCAG 2.1 under the rule.
8. Determine what accessibility fixes are needed.
9. Prioritize which content to fix first.
10. Identify any relevant contracts with vendors and figure out if they can produce accessible content for you, or if you need to make any changes.
11. Create policies.

Let's start with Action Step 1: Educate yourself about the requirements.

Below are some resources to assist key staff in understanding the requirements and the resources available.

The National Aging and Disabilities Transportation Center recently hosted a webinar called [Digital Accessibility for Transportation Providers](#) with a recording available.

The [Web Accessibility Initiative](#) identifies the needs for web accessibility and the components of accessibility.

Federal Actions & Updates

FTA published the following rules in the Federal Register on July 1, 2025:

1. [Updates](#) to regulations on FTA's organization, functions, and procedures (effective July 1, 2025).
2. [Changes](#) to the regulations that govern the provision of charter service by recipients of federal financial assistance and removal of certain financial assistance programs (effective July 31, 2025).
3. [Revisions](#) to Capital Investment Projects regulations and removal of outdated evaluation measures (effective July 1, 2025).
4. [Revisions](#) to school bus operations regulations, including regulations related to operating public transportation equipment or a public transportation facility (effective July 1, 2025).
5. [Removal](#) of the initial TAM Plan implementation deadline (which has passed) from FTA's Transit Asset Management (TAM) regulation (effective July 1, 2025).
6. [Rescinding](#) of the FTA regulation on Transportation for Elderly and Handicapped Persons (effective July 1, 2025).
7. [Withdrawal](#) of its Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking from October 30, 2023 concerning minimum safety standards to address fatigue-related safety incidents (effective July 1, 2025).

Missouri RTAP 2025 Second Quarter eNewsletter

The Missouri RTAP 2025 second quarter newsletter is now available!

Click on [this link](#) to download the newsletter.

Transit Trivia Time!

The "airship era" is often considered to have ended with the wreck of the Hindenburg in what U.S. state?

- A. New Jersey
- B. New York
- C. Delaware

Answer is below 'Upcoming Conferences' section.

Upcoming Reporting

July 2025

- Annual Vehicle/Mileage Reporting (Section 5310/5311)
- Annual Insurance Certification (Section 5310/5311)
- Annual Agency Contact Update (Section 5310/5311)
- Annual Ridership (METHAP/Section 5310 and Public Transportation)

November 2025

- NTD Reporting (Section 5311)

Upcoming Conferences

2025 Midwest Transit Conference

Sept. 3-5 in Kansas City, MO

www.midwesttransitconference.com

2025 RTAP Conference

Dec. 7-12 in Austin, TX

www.nationalrtap.org/News/Conference

For a listing of all National RTAP conferences and other national events, view our [calendar](#). Also, see the [FTA Events Calendar](#). To submit an event, email info@nationalrtap.org.

Trivia Answer: A. New Jersey

We want to hear from you!

MoDOT's InTransit Newsletter is an opportunity for transit agencies funded through MoDOT to recognize the awesome things that are happening in their organizations. If you would like to share what your agency is doing, whether it's about your service or highlighting a transit employee, please send those submissions to Nicholas.Volkart@modot.mo.gov.

TRAINING RESOURCES

APTAU Learning [Homepage](#)

Community Transportation Association of America (CTAA): <https://ctaa.org/>

Easterseals Project Action [Course Schedule](#)

FMCSA Drug and Alcohol: <https://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/regulations/drug-alcohol-testing-program>

FTA Drug and Alcohol: <https://www.transit.dot.gov/drug-alcohol-program>

FTA Webinars and Trainings [Homepage](#)

Mineta Transportation Institute [Upcoming Webinars](#)

Missouri Public Transit Association (MPTA): <https://www.mopublictransit.org>

Missouri RTAP: <https://mltrc.mst.edu/mortaphome/>

Multimodal Partner Contact Map: <https://www.modot.org/multimodal-partner-contact-map-mode>

National Center for Mobility Management (NCMM): <https://nationalcenterformobilitymanagement.org/>

National RTAP: <https://www.nationalrtap.org/>

National Transit Institute (NTI): <https://www.ntionline.com/>

National Transit Institute's [Current Course Schedule](#) of Upcoming Training

NCMM [e-Learning Catalogue](#)

SUMC's Mobility Learning Center: <https://learn.sharedusemobilitycenter.org/>

TSI Public Transportation [Catalogue](#)

USDOT Drug and Alcohol: <https://www.transportation.gov/odapc>

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